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# Control Flow – Loop



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# Today's outline

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- ❖ Loop statements: while, for, do-while
- ❖ Structure programming



# Loop statements



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# while statement

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- ❖ Why do we need iterations?
  - ❖ Waiting for something to happen
  - ❖ Operate on several objects
    - ❖ List, array of objects
    - ❖ String



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# while loop

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## ❖ Syntax:

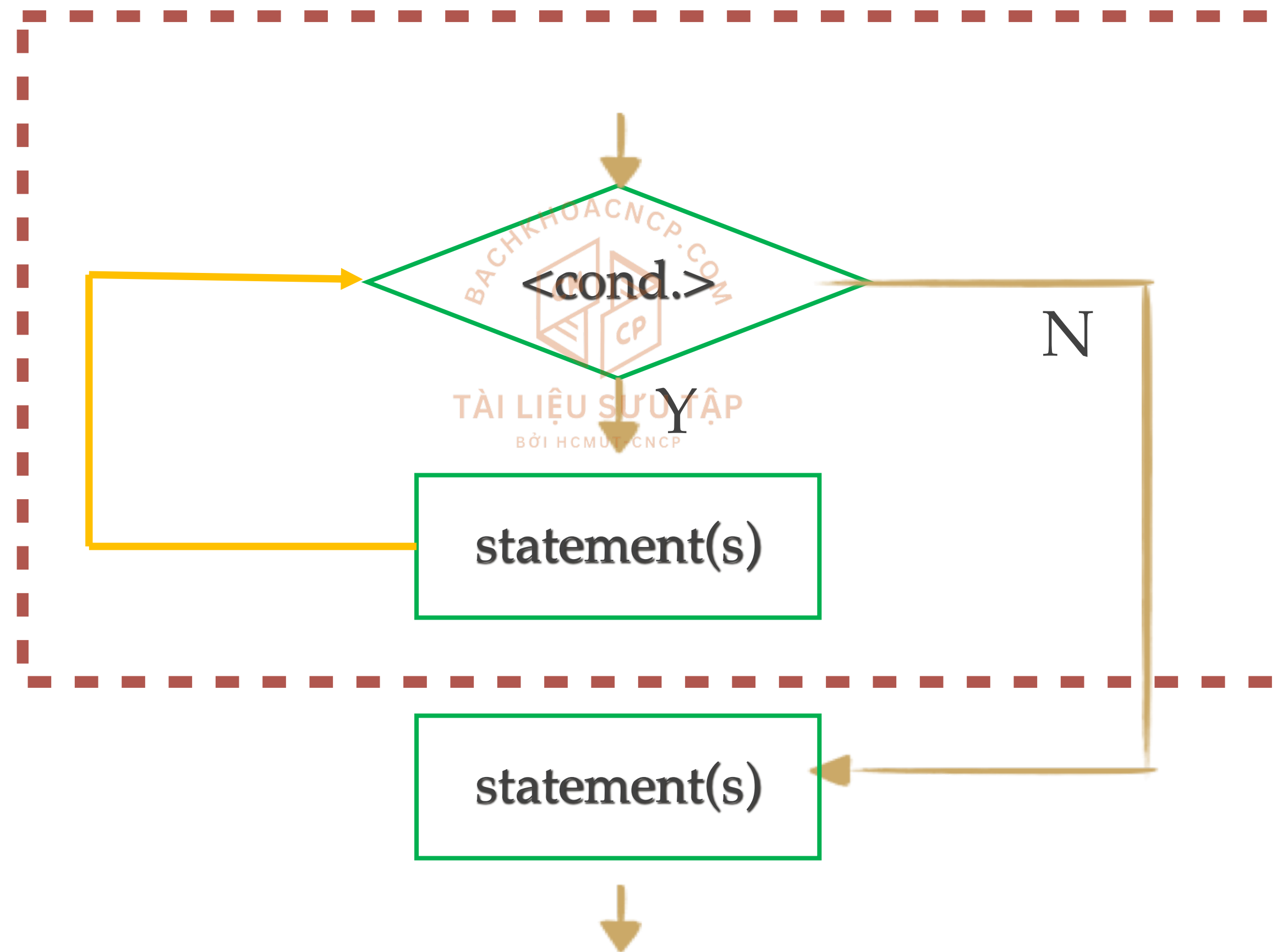
❖ `while (<condition>) <statement>;`

❖ `while (<condition>) {  
    <statements>;  
}`



# while loop

## ❖ Flowchart



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# Example

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```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int counter = 0;
    while (counter < 10) {
        cout << counter << " ";
        counter++;
    }
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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# Do-while loop

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## ❖ Syntax:

❖ `do <statement> while (<condition>);`

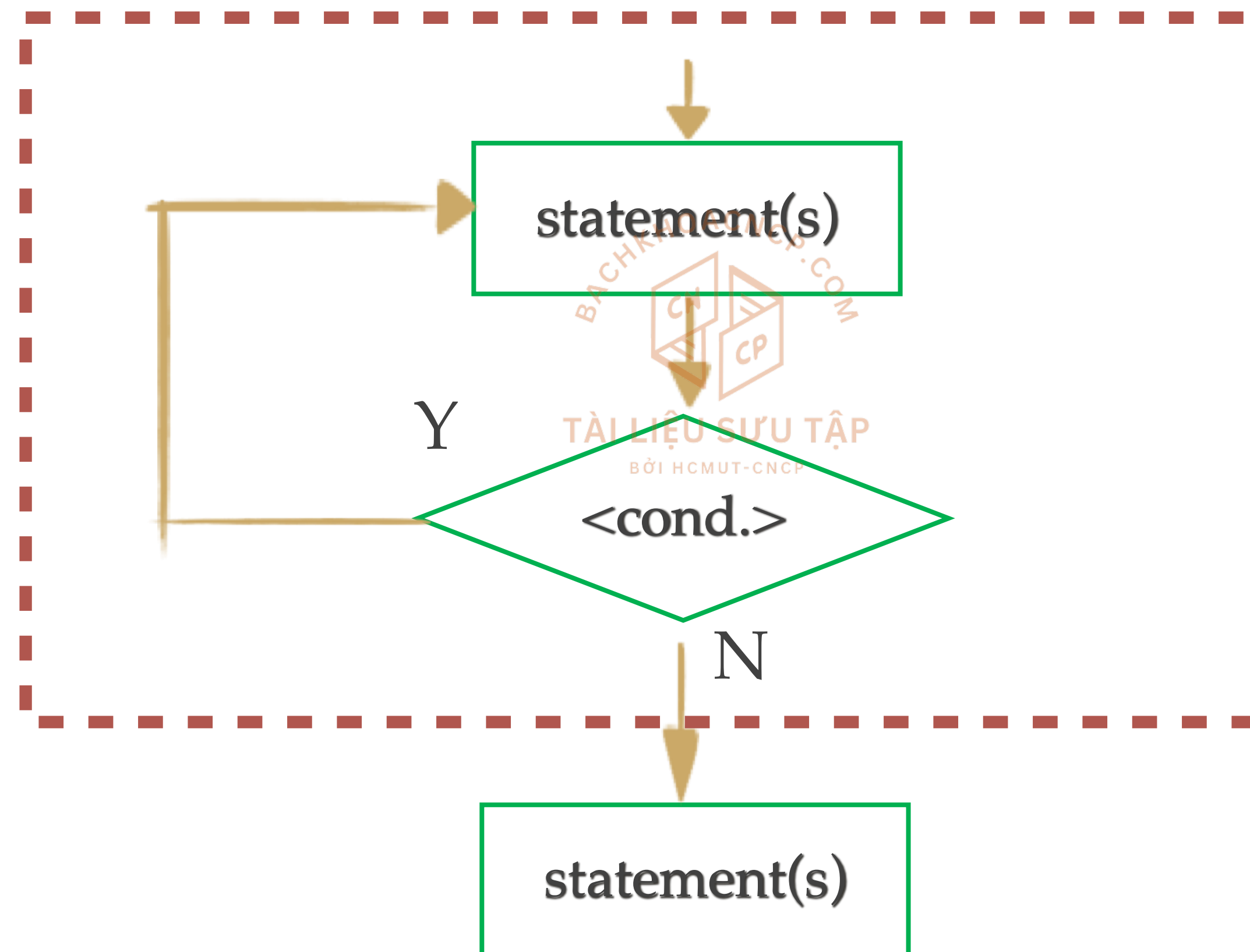
❖ `do {  
    <statements>;  
} while (<condition>);`





# Do-while loop

## ❖ Flowchart



# Example

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int counter = 0;
    do {
        cout << counter << " ";
        counter++;
    } while (counter < 10);
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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# while statement

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❖ Note:

- ❖ Remember to initialize variables in the condition expression before entering the **while** statement (at least you know what will happen when you check the condition).
- ❖ Do not forget stopping condition.
- ❖ Take care of counters.



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# for statement

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- ❖ Why do you need **for** statement?
  - ❖ Just another way to write iteration/loop structure!
  - ❖ Counting is a frequent activity
  - ❖ **for**: a specialised loop that package the following tasks in a statement
    - ❖ Initialise a counter variable
    - ❖ Modify the counter
    - ❖ Check complete condition



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# for statement

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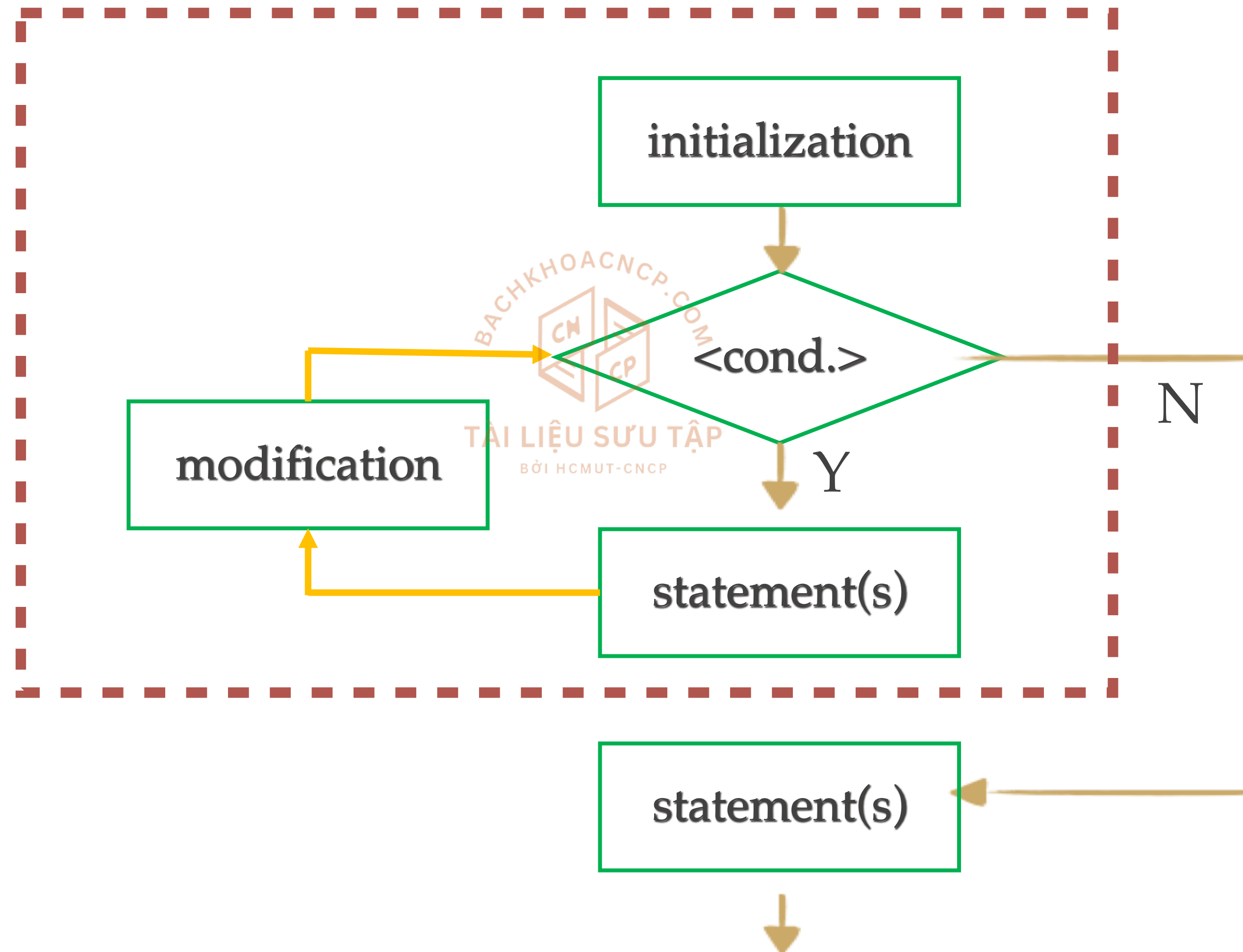
## ❖ for loop:

- ❖ `for (<initialization>; <condition>; <modification>) <statement>;`
- ❖ `for (<initialization>; <condition>; <modification>) {  
    <statements>;  
}`



# for statement

## ❖ Flowchart



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# for statement

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- ❖ Initialization: set value for the counter
  - ❖ Declare one or many counters (same type) and init them at once
  - ❖ Initialize many counters if needed
- ❖ Condition: a boolean expression that must be evaluated at each loop
- ❖ Modification: change value of the counter at each loop

# Example

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        cout << i << " ";

    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```





# for statement

- ❖ Note that initialization and modification can contain multiple statements separated by commas.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {
    int i, j;
    for (i = 5, j = 10; i + j < 20; i++, j++) {
        cout << "i + j = " << (i + j) << '\n';
    }
    return 0;
}
```



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# Infinite loops

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```
while (100) {  
}
```

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while (true) {  
}
```

```
do {
```

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} while (-20);
```

```
for (;;) {  
}
```



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# Exist loops

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- ❖ The two most commonly used are:
  - ❖ **break**: will end the loop and begin executing the first statement that comes AFTER the end of the loop.
  - ❖ **continue**: force the next iteration to be executed.



# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int count;
    for (count = 1; count <= 10; count++) {
        if (count == 5)
            break;
        cout << count << " ";
    }

    cout << "\nBroke out of loop at count = " << count << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int count;
    for (count = 1; count <= 10; count++) {
        if (count == 5)
            continue;
        cout << count << " ";
    }

    cout << "\nUsed continue to skip printing 5" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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# Nested loop

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❖ A loop can be nested inside a loop.

```
❖ while (<condition 1>) {  
    <statements>;  
    while (<condition 2>) {  
        <statements>;  
        while (<condition 3>);  
    }  
    <statements>;  
}
```



# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int i, j;

    for (i = 2; i<100; i++) {
        for (j = 2; j <= (i / j); j++)
            if (!(i%j)) break; // if factor found, not prime
        if (j >(i / j)) cout << i << " is prime\n";
    }

    return 0;
}
```



# Structure programming





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# Structure programming

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- ❖ Definition: a programming paradigm aimed at improving the clarity, quality and development time of a computer program by making extensive use of **subroutines**, **block structures** and **for/while** loops
- ❖ Structured programming languages: ALGOL, Pascal, PL/I, Ada, **C/C++**, etc.

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# Structure programming

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- ❖ Loop and array

- ❖ Loop is good for performing operations on arrays, strings.
- ❖ “while”, “do-while”, “for” are exchangeable.
- ❖ Fixed size data should be processed using **finite** loops.

# Problem solving - example

❖ Input and draw the following figure in terminal:

❖ Input: N (number of lines)

❖ Output: (in case  $N = 5$ )

```
  *
 * *
* * *
* * * *
* * * * *
```



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*           *
* *         * *
* * *       * * *
* * * *     * * * *
* * * * *   * * * * *
```



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```
*           *
* *         * *
*  *       *  *
*   *    *   *
*    *  *    *
```



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# Summarise

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- ❖ Understand loop structures: **while**, **do-while** , **for**
- ❖ Implements algorithms with loops

